

Sample C: Whole Class Revision

A Great Invention

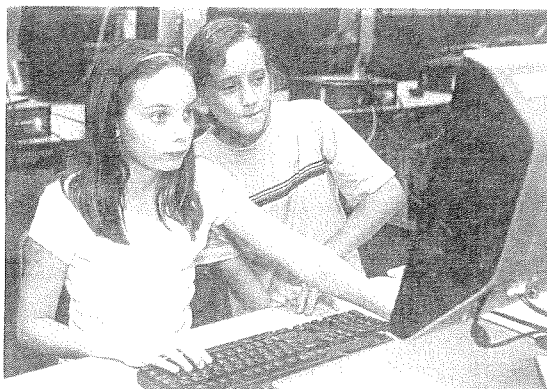
What is the greatest invention of all time? Good question!

Some people might think of penicillin, or even the lightbulb. Wrong!

The greatest invention of all time, by far, is the computer. Just think about it.

Computers allow us almost instant access to information that we would once have had to spend hundreds of research hours to get. In addition, computers are the best record keepers in history. On one small disk you can keep enough data to fill a whole room with the old-fashioned record keeping systems. To say computers have changed communication is an understatement. We use them to do research, talk to each other, and hold virtual meetings with people located at all different parts of the globe. If you had told people two hundred years ago that they could buy European or Chinese goods with a keystroke, they would have thought you were insane. Yesterday's insanity is today's common occurrence.

Of all the many amazing and wonderful inventions people have come up with, nothing surpasses the computer.



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Sample D: Revising with Partners

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My Favorite Place

So many places are special to me that it is hard to focus on just one. I love New York City with its bustling sidewalks and Broadway charm. I love my grandmother's house, with its old creaky stairs and attic full of treasures. But for me, nothing is as special as "home," and my "home" has always been outdoors, in the wilderness.

I'm not very tolerant of noise. It gives me headaches and creates tension. I suspect others feel this way, too. I like the softer sounds of nature: Canada geese flying overhead, water running over rocks, frogs and crickets chirping in the moments before darkness falls. Nothing beats a vast expanse of star-covered sky for a view. No feather bed compares to the comfort of a good sleeping bag stretched over soft earth.

The wilderness is my home. It's also my favorite place to be.

